

## Message Text

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TAGS: SHUM, MX  
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS SPEECHES

REF: A) STATE 176956 B) MEXICO 11417

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO PERCEIVES HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE  
CONTEXT OF FULFILLING THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING SOCIAL AND  
ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ITS CITIZENS. IT FEELS THAT IT CAN  
BEST DO THIS IN BALANCING A CONCERN FOR LAW AND ORDER WITH  
PROTECTION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS. THE  
CONFLICT ARISES WHEN THE SOCIETY IS THREATENED BY  
TERRORISM. PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO NOTED IN A JUNE 28  
PRESS CONFERENCE (REF B) THAT PUBLIC FORCE IS A LEGITIMATE  
RESPONSE TO TERRORISM AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED  
REPRESSION. IN DISCUSSING THE OCCASIONAL ABUSE OF  
CITIZENS RIGHTS BY POLICE, HE EMPHASIZED THAT "THE IMPORT-  
ANT THING IS THE LEGAL STRUCTURE THAT MAINTAINS THE  
POSSIBILITY OF DEFENSE OF THESE RIGHTS AND THAT THIS IS  
OPEN IN OUR COUNTRY".

2. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HEMISPHERE, AT THE OASGA  
MEXICAN AMBASSADOR RAFAEL DE LA COLINA CONDEMNED HUMAN  
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND SAID THA THE  
INVESTIGATION OF THEM BY INTERNATIONAL GROUPS CANNOT BE  
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CONSIDERED INTERVENTION. COMMENT: GIVEN THE SENSITIVITY  
OF SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
MEXICO'S TRADITIONAL NONINTERVENTIONIST POLICY, DE LA  
COLINA'S COMMENTS ARE BOTH FORTHCOMING AND SUPPORTIVE.  
END COMMENT: LUCEY

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## Message Attributes

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